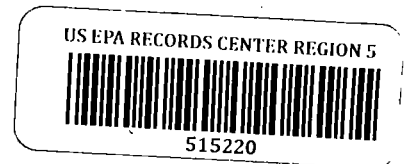


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE: November 28, 1978

SUBJECT: Minnesota PCA/Regional Administrator Meeting Report -
November 27, 1978



FROM: Rich Bartelt, Chief *RB JAH*
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TO: File

The above referenced meeting was held to discuss numerous topics:
those related to the Ground Water Protection are as follows:

- (1) St. Louis Park/Reilly Tar and Chemical - MPCA was interested in pursuing a possible construction grant to assist in the problem definition, planning, and clean-up of the documented ground water contamination case at the site of the old Reilly plant (now owned by the municipality of St. Louis Park). Ms. Gardebring noted various legal actions were under way, but that it was anticipated as much as three years might be needed to resolve this matter. Delays in containing or abating the contamination will result in increased expense when action is finally possible.

Messrs. McGuire and Sutfin noted there were no USEPA funds directly for this type of pollution abatement. Ms. Gardebring stated that MPCA would like to pursue the CG approach. She was advised that the chances would depend on numerous interpretations and that care must be taken not to set an unwise precedent. In short, EPA would consider a CG application, but the State should not anticipate approval since such an application would require much consideration and undoubtedly headquarters sanction. The "AWT" question may also be a factor here. Although not expressly stated, it was inferred our previous offers of technical assistance were still open.

- (2) Bemidji Status

I was dismayed to note that this project, which has considerable controversy associated with land treatment options, had not been brought to our attention. Our review or impact may not be warranted, but, based on the discussions we will be interested to see the results of the EIS. It had been my understanding that we would be involved in controversial land treatment projects.